

Sunburst VEX IQ Robotics Team FAQs



Q. When does the Robotics Team start?

A. We are planning to begin meeting on September 29th.

Q. What day does the team meet?

A. Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 – 4:30.

Q. Is there an activity bus?

A. No. Unfortunately for this we do not have a bus. Students will need to be able to be picked up by parents or arrange for another way home.

Q. When are the tournaments?

A. Tournaments will be on Saturday mornings. Students can plan on attending one tournament a month from November to February. Tournaments begin around 8:00am and will run until about 12:30pm. All tournaments will be located at an elementary or junior high school within the district boundaries.

Q. Why are there only 20 students allowed?

A. Our school has access to four robots. For teams to be effective we need to keep the teams at no more than 5 students.

Q. Do you have to be smart in math or science?

A. Not necessarily. Although those things might be helpful, anyone with a desire to build, code, and compete would be a great addition to our team.

Q. Right now I have “football, soccer, basketball, etc.” on Wednesdays after school. Can I join the team after my season ends? Or can I only do part of the Robotics season?

A. Unfortunately we need students who can commit to the full season. We will be unable to add students later. Students who cannot commit to the full season should consider applying next year.

Q. Do I need experience with Robotics or LEGOs or building things to apply?

A. NO! Anyone interested in participating should apply. The coaches will be teaching coding, and the building materials are easy to use.

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Q. *Is there a cost to participate?*

A. Students who are selected will be notified and parents will be asked to pay \$30 for the season. However, if you are unable to pay this amount, please reach out to Ms. Alberts for a fee waiver. Students who are unable to pay will not be excluded.

Q. *When will we know if we were selected?*

A. Students will be notified by Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021.

Q. *Is this just for boys?*

A. NO! We'd love to have an all-girls team!

Q. *When does the season run?*

A. The VEX IQ Challenge season runs from October to February for elementary students. Teams who qualify during the season will be invited to compete at the State Tournament to be held in March.

Any other questions can be directed to Mrs. Bodily, lbodily@dsdmail.net. If a student does not have internet access to complete the application, please let me know. I can provide a paper application for them.